

*"I was walking down the hall
and there wasn't a light over
the stairwell.*

*I fell down an entire flight
of stairs..."*

Are you heading for a fall?

Like many people, you may not realize you are at risk for being injured by a fall. You might think that falls only happen to frail, older adults, or that falls are a normal part of aging. Don't let these myths keep you from facing your fears and learning to prevent falls. If you answer "yes" to any of the following, now is the time to take steps to prevent a fall:

- Are you 60 or older
- Have you fallen in the past year – even if you weren't injured?
- Do you have a fear of falling? Or worry that someone you live with might fall?
- Do you live at home or in an independent apartment?

Stepping On workshops are not designed to help older adults who:

- Use a walker indoors or a wheelchair full-time
- Have dementia or cognitive impairment

Find a Stepping On workshop near you, and improve your chances of avoiding a fall. Visit wihealthyaging.org and click on **Find a Workshop**.



What is Stepping On?

Stepping On leaders coach you to recognize your risk of falling, and help you build the physical strength and practical skills you need to avoid falling. You learn in a fun, hands-on way, putting information to use from the very first session.

*"I learned new
things on the
first day ... it
was fun!"*

People who
complete Stepping
On have a **50%
reduction in
falls.**

Stepping On workshops meet for 2 hours, every week for 7 weeks. Local experts, trained leaders, and other group members support and encourage you to find solutions to make your home safer and your body stronger. You'll regain the confidence to stay active in your community and do the things you want to do.

Stepping On helps you build confidence in your ability to manage your falls risk.

You'll learn:

- To identify and remove fall hazards from your home
- To see and avoid fall hazards out in your community
- To get back on your feet the right way if you fall
- How vision and hearing affect your risk of falling
- To use walking aids the right way
- To choose safe footwear for all your activities
- Strength and balance exercises you can adapt to your individual level
- How medications play a role in your risk of falls



*"The exercises keep my
legs strong...I still do
them everyday. I can
see the muscle I've
gained!"*



Upcoming Class Information

Date:

Location:

Time:

Pre-Registration Required – Call Tara to register at: 715-381-4366

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**Falls are preventable.
Don't wait until a fall injures
more than your pride!**

Stepping On is a workshop proven to reduce your risk of falls by up to 50%. In just 7 weeks, you can be stronger and steadier wherever you go, and keep doing the things you want to do.